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Democratic, Republican Or Progressive? It Makes No Difference To "John D."

By EUGENE V. DEBS

Under the present system, all of you are slaves. You are the slaves of the masters who are in the minority—the very small minority, and yet you permit it every time you vote for the Republican, the Democratic or the Progressive party. You vote for the tool of the capitalist class, and you can decide for yourself whether you vote for him.

The Socialist comes to you and says that you are wage-slaves only because you are ignorant. You've got to learn what is good for you. You must vote the other way just as long as you are content to build palaces for the masters and live in cottages, just as long as you call to let them wear silk, satin and broadcloth and you go in overalls and calico.

It doesn't make any difference to John D. Rockefeller whether the Democratic or the Republican or the Progressive party is elected. They represent the masters, are their tools. "John D." says Socialism isn't any good because he knows what it is. And you vote for his class, because you don't know what Socialism is. You get back just what you want, just what are after when you vote for the masters.

No matter what party is in power, through all the history of the country, under all sorts of political conditions, there have been industrial decisions with hundreds of thousands of men out of work. The masters do that. They crush you. You want them to go, you vote for them.

There are hundreds of thousands of men in idleness today, big strong men, looking for work they can't find. There is misery in all our cities. There are 750,000 fallen women in the United States. And it is all the fruit of the rotten decaying social system of the capitalist class.

The masters said in Europe, we want more exploitation. So the war started. It is exploitation. Tonight, trenches nine miles long are filled high with dead. Four million men are engaged in a death struggle for the mastery—workmen murdering their fellow workmen. And this in the name of Christianity! These were your Christian national!

Every flag in Europe is flying tonight over slaughterhouses and are stained with blood. The only flag in the world that is not flying over fields of blood and death is the red flag of Socialism.

Workmen never declared a war and never will. The masters ordered them to fight. They are doing so because they are slaves. They call it patriotism, but this last war—war against war to obtain universal brotherhood and peace.

Information Department

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Excerpts from publication of United States Public Health Service, Report No. 136, from the Public Health Reports, May 29, 1914, entitled "Industrial Conditions. Their relation to Public Health." May be secured from Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. for 5 cents.

(Continued from last week)
The industrial establishments of the United States are so many that their proper sanitary supervision by the State is prohibited by the cost involved. In the campaign for prevention of disease following requirements are important:
1. Hours of labor which do not cause excessive fatigue or cause damage to any of the body.
2. Regular employment, at a wage sufficient to meet the cost of living and insure against strike.
(See last week's issue.)
3. Sanitary environment in the place of employment.
4. Education as to methods of hygienic living and the importance of such things.
MEN BECOME MORE SOBER.
When the hours of labor are so

The BREAD LINE

Starve War—Food America
By Wendell E. Bennett

The eviction law of New York City is working great hardships upon the poor and unemployed of the tenement district. Temporary attempts to protect one man who suffered before the Municipal Court that he was evicted from his home.

Many (live) broilers and various other birds are being sold in the market to plan some sort of permanent relief from the miserly landlord class that preys on the misery of the workers.

(Chicago) manufacturers sell to warlike countries great secrecy observed to prevent interception by wandering cruisers. Shipments are practically all being made from Canadian ports.

Eight million women workers now engaged in industries. Every known industry has been invaded, even blacksmithing in which 35 women are registered. There are 406 women coal miners, 46 quarry workers, 13 brick masons, 10 engineers, and 16 furnace men, 96 women workers in fertilizing industries and 6,140 in iron and steel mills. In the face of such an industrial condition there are people who still think that women should not have a voice in the politics of this nation.

"Too much Cotton produced in United States. The present war in Europe by cutting off the market for this product will bring great poverty on the farmers," so says (capitalism). Too much cotton produced in the United States yet the producers of cotton are freezing and starving in the face of an overabundance of such a situation in the twentieth century. Socialism would kill incentive. Shipments to Holland mysteriously stopped. This works an inconvenience upon United States packers as Holland is one of our largest purchasers. Will the United States Government take some step to place our large export production within the reach of the people.

Send for one of the People's Food Petitions and circulate it.

Brand Whitlock heading a committee has gathered 15,000 tons of food which will be shipped to Belgium sufferers.

Food Brokers in Chicago fight ordinance to license and regulate brokers in foodstuffs. "None of 'em's business," statement made to the aldermen.

A big shipment of toys received from Germany in spite of war, but the American public will pay an exorbitant price for Xmas toys just the same. And the children of Germany will receive a pittance for making them.

We are in receipt of a petition of several hundred names from the Church of the Revolution. The first signature being BOUCK WHITE, OF DENNS COUNTRY JAIL. Comrade and the Carpenter, and "The Carpenter and the Rich Man," for sale by the National Office or given free with 15 subscription.

Let us have the following information:
1. Straight socialist vote in this election.
2. Straight socialist vote in the elections two and four years ago.
3. Republican, Democratic, Pro-creative votes, as basis of comparison.

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Prices Still Soar

By EARL SEIDEL

The Democratic administration was given full power on the promise that the cost of living would be reduced. Notwithstanding this promise the prices are still soaring all along the line.

Since neither the Democratic or the Republican administration has been able to solve the economic problems confronting the people, it is fair to say that we must turn to Socialism as the only practical remedy.

The only "new freedom," the working class has under the Democratic administration is the freedom to be idle and go hungry. But even the Republicans gave the workers this freedom.

We must change our social system. We must replace the system of operation. We must conduct business and industry, not purely for private gain but for the social good. The European war does not mean the collapse of internationalism. After the smoke of battle has cleared away Socialism will rise stronger and mightier than ever. The great leaders of the various nations will rally their forces and go

on with their work for national and international socialism. The war means the downfall of the capitalist system. For purposes of war the governments of Europe have confiscated private property, giving in return for commandeered automobiles, etc., directly a receipt. They have arbitrarily fixed the prices that the necessities of life. They have seized the railroads, the telegraphs, the post offices, the telephone system, the way for Socialism, which for purposes of peace and benefits of society as a whole would commandeer the mines and mills, the forests and streams, the railroads and ship lines.

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